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Facebook faces up to privacy concerns

Social networking site addresses criticism from Canada

Nicole Lace wants to be the one in charge of how much the rest of the world knows about her life.

She decides who gets to see her phone number, email address and name of employer on Facebook.

And if one day she decides she no longer wants anyone to see anything at all, then she wants it to disappear forever.

"It is my choice to put it out there, so it should be my choice to completely erase it — not Facebook's," the 25-year-old program coordinator said on Thursday.

That choice is expected to become much clearer as Palo Alto, Calif.-based Facebook Inc. has agreed to give its more than 200 million users more power over the way it stores and shares personal information in response to harsh criticism from the Canadian privacy watchdog.

"The privacy of people using the site — not only in Canada but around the world — will be far better protected," federal privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart, who does not have a Facebook account, said at a news conference in Ottawa on Thursday.

Stoddart released a report last month revealing Facebook violated Canadian privacy legislation by keeping accounts on file indefinitely after they are deactivated and sharing user information with third-party software developers who create its popular quiz and game applications without express consent.

Facebook expects to begin altering language in its privacy policies within the next month or so. More complex technical changes will take up to a year.

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Canadian Georges St. Pierre battles Thiago Alves during their welterweight title bout at UFC 100 on July 11 in Las Vegas. St. Pierre is one of the most popular mixed martial artists in the world.

UFC committed to battle in Vancouver: President

The UFC — the top mixed martial arts promotion in the world — seems to be headed to Vancouver next June, according to its president.

During a pre-fight press conference on Thursday for UFC 102, which is being held in Portland this Saturday, Dana White said it was a "done deal" to have an event in Vancouver.

He later said he spoke too soon, but reaffirmed the UFC's commitment to bringing a promotion here.

UFC personnel met with B.C. Attorney General Mike de Jong on Wednesday and officials at GM Place the following day. The Garage would likely hold the event.

The only Canadian city to have held UFC events is Montreal, with the second card selling out in minutes.

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Luongo wants contract agreed on before camp

EXTENSION Roberto Luongo gave the Vancouver Canucks until Sept. 13 to agree on the terms of a contract extension.

Captain Canuck, who is attending Hockey Canada's summer orientation camp in Calgary, said he doesn't want the contract talks to be a distraction this season. According to tsn.ca, the netminder wants it settled before the start of the Canucks' training camp.

Roberto Luongo

Luongo is entering the final year of a four-year, $27-million contract. He will make $7.5 million for the 2009-10 season.

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Kayaking against cancer
The fourth annual Kayak For The Cure is taking place on Sunday at Jericho Beach. The event, which is held in five cities in North America, raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Film fest looks at economy

The 2009 Vancouver International Film Festival will include a group of films that emerged from the worldwide financial crisis. The series, which is being called Follow the Money, examines various sectors of the economy (and aspects of human nature) in "illuminating, scarifying and perversely entertaining detail" according to festival organizers. METRO VANCOUVER

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B.C. home sales still on the rise

FORECAST Home sales in British Columbia have doubled since January and are forecast to keep rising in the last quarter of 2009, according to the B.C. Real Estate Association.

And average home prices are nearing 2008's record high.

Residential sales are forecast to climb 15 per cent to 79,400 units this year, compared to 68,923 units in 2008, said Cameron Muir, BCREA chief economist.

"Home sales have doubled since January, with prices edging higher in Metro Vancouver and Victoria in recent months," Muir said in a release.

The average annual MLS residential price in the province is forecast to reach $451,200 in this year, down one per cent from a record $454,599 in 2008.

Residential sales in 2010 are forecast to rise an additional six per cent to 84,200 units. For comparison, a record 106,310 units were sold in 2005.

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Arrest made after string of robberies

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A man who allegedly called a Vancouver TV news station to brag that he was robbing banks and couldn't be caught has been arrested and charged with 11 counts of robbery, police said yesterday.

Paul Michael Bennett, who police referred to as a "prolific serial bank robber," was arrested in Vancouver on Aug. 21, and charged with a string of robberies in Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby and North Vancouver.

Acting Sgt. Dean Wells with the Vancouver Police Department's robbery and assault unit said investigators distributed a media release on Aug. 17, to alert the public to a series of robberies that began on July 29.

"After the media release, Bennett phoned one of the media outlets and bragged about being the person that was advertised as wanted for the bank robberies," Wells said.

He said Bennett allegedly passed tellers a note demanding money — often indicating he had a gun — and used stolen vehicles to get around.

In some cases the suspect wore a wig, sunglasses, hat and fake mustache.

"His appearance (was) altered in most of the robberies … and his high mobility rate made it difficult to locate him," Wells said.

Wells was on holiday when Bennett was caught, and said it was "a good feeling" to come back and learn he was in custody.

Solve rate

- There have been 61 robberies in Vancouver so far this year, 56 of which have been solved.

MJ Fan Salute to a pop icon

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Super-fan Seamus Sullivan poses as Michael Jackson in Vancouver on Thursday. Sullivan has organized a celebration of Jackson's birthday in Vancouver on Saturday. Festivities include a mobile dance party. For more information visit the Facebook group Michael Jackson's 51st Birthday Dance Celebration.

News in brief

SUSPECT A 21-year-old man wanted in connection with an attempted robbery at a Vancouver 7-Eleven turned himself into police after seeing his mug shot in the media. Leroy Curtis Catcheway had been wanted Canada-wide for robbery and possession of stolen property.

ARREST RCMP in Chilliwack have arrested a 23-year-old man for allegedly trying to rob a grocery store on Yale Road with a plastic bag over his head. The suspect pulled what appeared to be a knife on the cashier at Kim's Grocery, who then chased the man away with a golf club.

ROBBERY Police in Ridge Meadows have arrested two men they believe robbed a woman at knifepoint. The victim was using a bank ATM on Lougheed Highway when the two demanded she hand over the cash. Robert William Delayer, 32 and Robert Thomas Splitt, 43, were arrested.

THEFT Burnaby RCMP are looking for four masked men who staged a smash-and-grab robbery at a Brentwood Mall jewelry store late Thursday morning, cknw.com reports. The suspects took off in a stolen pickup that was later found abandoned. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mother in stable condition after collision that killed daughter

HOSPITAL The mother of a two-year-old girl who was run over and killed by a truck at a downtown Vancouver intersection is in stable condition in hospital with what police say are "very serious leg injuries."

The man who was driving the truck that hit the woman and her child on Wednesday was questioned by police and has since been released, said Vancouver police Const. Jana McGuinness.

Witnesses were so traumatized by the crash that victim services was called.

"We haven't arrived at a stage in the investigation where we're able to confirm any charges or not, we're still working through witness statements," said McGuinness.

According to ICBC, there were 10 collisions at that intersection last year, 20 the year before and five in 2006. KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

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Provincial Grits drop 8% in poll

Voter support for the B.C. Liberals has dropped eight per cent since the May provincial elections, according to poll results released Thursday by The Mustel Group. The NDP leads with 46 per cent of voter support, followed by the Liberals at 38 per cent. METRO VANCOUVER

Financial aid limited: IOC

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

While the International Olympic Committee has said that it would assist financially if there's a deficit at the end of the Vancouver Olympics, the IOC said yesterday it can't guarantee it would cover all outstanding costs.

"The IOC's support to help mitigate a possible deficit has a limit," it said in a release. "It remains VANOC's responsibility to manage its budget responsibly to continue to raise revenues to the greatest extent possible and, if necessary, to cut costs in a strategic manner to maintain a balanced budget."

Dave Cobb, VANOC executive vice-president and deputy chief executive officer, said the economy will continue to be a challenge until the Games arrive and called the IOC's limited support a "generous commitment." METRO VANCOUVER

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No dodging romance

Net no match for sports leagues on love hits

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Nicole Rafael, 20, and Mason Foulkes, 22, get affectionate in Yaletown. The couple met through the Coquitlam Dodgeball League.

The love between Ellie Moon and her boyfriend, Tyson, was born out of a maelstrom of flying rubber balls.

The pair met in the Vancouver Dodgeball league, and say while they had no expectations of meeting someone when they signed up, they've since learned sports leagues are a great way to find Mr. or Ms. Right.

"I think Tyson hit me every time we played, and that's how we started (interacting)," Moon said.

Around 35 individual players have met their significant others through the Vancouver and Coquitlam leagues in the past four years, said Moon.

Nicole Rafael, 20, and Mason Foulkes, 22, met in the Coquitlam Dodgeball League.

"I never thought that anything romantic would come out of it," said Rafael. "It was a nice surprise."

"Everyone's out to have fun, which makes it a lot easier to flirt," Foulkes said of the dodgeball leagues, adding that because you see each other regularly, there's no stress with followup calls.

Sheree Morgan, a Vancouver dating expert who runs Match Works matchmaking service, said too many people rely on the Internet to meet someone.

"People have forgotten how to socialize," said Morgan, whose 28-year-old son met his girlfriend in a volleyball league.

She said by joining sports leagues, you're instantly interacting with people who have similar interests and lifestyles to your own, and because people are relaxed and having fun, their guards are down.

News in brief

CATS Penticton RCMP are investigating reports of 11 cats being killed since May 1. In six of the cases the cats were killed by an animal, but in five it appears that a person cut them up, said Sgt. Rick Dellebuur. RCMP are advising cat owners not to let their cats run loose.

FUNDS CUT The Justice Education Society is ending programs for more than 15,000 students, 600 youth-at-risk and 1,000 aboriginal students in remote communities after the nonprofit had provincial funding cut by more than 60 per cent. METRO VANCOUVER

Spread the Feeling

August 29th at Vancouver Aquarium.

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Canada Line trains not always bound for airport

YVR-bound travellers take note: Not all trains heading out of downtown Vancouver end up at the same destination. Canada Line trains alternate, with one going to the airport, but the next going to Brighouse Station in Richmond. METRO VANCOUVER

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A sculpture by Musqueam artist Susan Point at YVR Station. The Canada Line has partnered with the Vancouver Biennale to provide public art at each of the Vancouver stations.

Benefits of rapid-rail transit link to airport

DEREK MOSCATO
for Metro Vancouver

TRANSPORT With the opening of the Canada Line, Vancouver has joined a list of global cities such as London and Hong Kong that offer rapid-rail links to their international airports.

Travel time between Waterfront Station and Vancouver International Airport is 26 minutes for $3.75-per-adult fare. While there are plans for a premium fare for the portion of the line between Bridgeport Station and the airport, its introduction has been postponed until at least Jan. 1.

According to TransLink spokesperson Ken Hardie, the Canada Line actually has an earlier daily departure time from Waterfront Station than SkyTrain, at 4:50 a.m., to accommodate those travelling to the airport to catch an early-morning flight.

Hardie points out that due to the Canada Line opening ahead of schedule, the morning hours at Waterfront Station have not yet been extended before 5:15 a.m. — meaning that those accessing the Canada Line at this location between 4:50 a.m. and 5:20 a.m. need to do so from the entrance at the intersection of Hastings and Granville streets.

While downtown, travellers can check in for their flights at kiosks located at both the Waterfront and Vancouver City Centre stations. Both machines serve nine airlines, including Air Canada and WestJet.

Baggage check?

- While no concrete plans are in the works, TransLink spokesperson Ken Hardie said "it's possible" that in the future, airport-bound passengers will be able to check their baggage at downtown stations.

News in brief

BICYCLES Each Canada Line train can carry two bicycles (one per train car) in all directions during all hours of operation, as long as space is available. Stations are also equipped with bike racks and lockers.

BRIDGE A bicycle and pedestrian-only bridge is part of the new Canada Line bridge spanning the Fraser River linking north Richmond and south Vancouver.

MOBILE Cellphone coverage is uninterrupted underground as 100 small cellphone towers run along all of the tunnels.

PARKING Bridgeport Station (River Rock Casino) Park and Ride has 600 parking stalls available during rush hour for commuters at $2 per stall.

SPACE The Canada Line's larger train cars provide room to store luggage and feature wider aisles and air conditioning.

SERVICE The TransLink website, translink.ca, contains an online trip planner, schedules and maps, as well as a special Canada Line information section. The customer info line is 604-953-3333.

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Bus route changes on way

Revisions starting Sept. 7 meant to better integrate Canada Line

Many current TransLink bus routes, plus SkyTrain's Expo and Millennium Lines, SeaBus, and West Coast Express already provide connections to the Canada Line.

While no changes will be made until Sept. 7, the 98 B-Line and commuter bus routes from Richmond, Surrey, Delta and White Rock will stop serving downtown Vancouver after Labour Day.

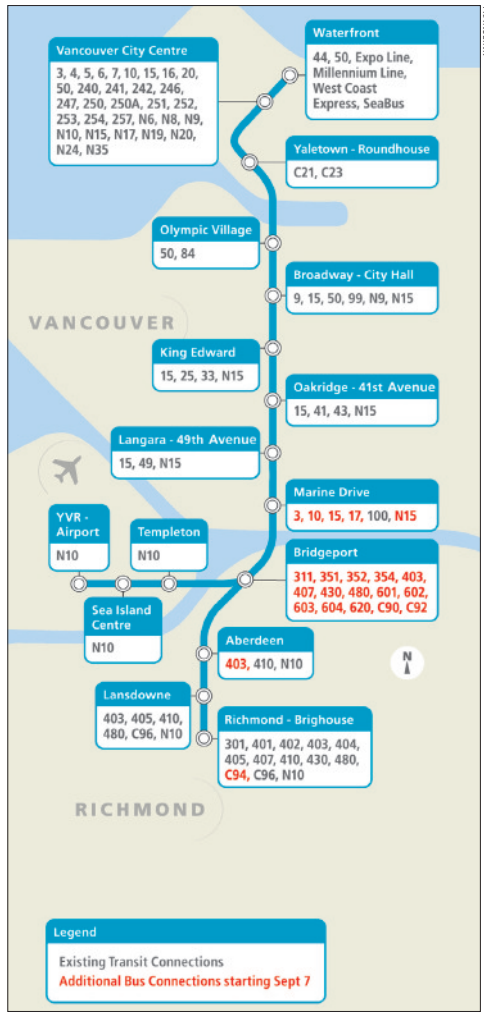
The bus routes are being revised to integrate the Canada Line into the regional transit network. Here is a list of changes:

Richmond

- 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 410, 430, 480 buses will run more frequently and provide increased connections to Canada Line.
- New C94 route will connect Richmond-Brighouse Station (Richmond Centre) and Richmond Oval.
- 98 B-Line, 488, 490, 491, 492, 496 routes will be discontinued.
- 403 route will be extended to Aberdeen Station and Bridgeport Station.
- 407, 430, 480 routes will include service to Bridgeport Station.
- C95 route will be discontinued.
- Temporary bus bays for Richmond-Brighouse Station will be reorganized and relocated to nearby streets.

Airport/Sea Island

- Airport Station bus loop will be closed.
- 424 service will be discontinued; use Canada Line to travel to/from the airport.
- N10 NightBus will continue to serve the airport during overnight hours when Canada Line is not operating.
- 100 service will travel west only as far as the Marpole area. Customers can transfer to Canada Line at Marine Drive Station to travel to the airport.
- 620, C90, C92 services will travel to Bridgeport Station instead of Airport Station. C92 will operate on Saturdays and will also run more often on weekdays.



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A map showing various Canada Line bus service connections that are on the way.

Vancouver

- 3, 10, 15, 17, N15 services will be extended to Marine Drive Station for all trips except the 3, which will serve the station for all trips during weekday peak periods and for every second trip during all other periods.
- 10 service will run more frequently to benefit customers along the Granville corridor.
- 15 will run less often as customers can travel on the Canada Line along the Cambie corridor.
- 17 will no longer serve Marpole Loop.
- 98 B-Line service will be discontinued. Use Canada Line for fastest north-south travel or the 10 for local service along Granville.

Surrey, Delta and White Rock

- 311, 351, 352, 354, 601, 602, 603, 604 routes will run more frequently and connect to Canada Line at Bridgeport Station in Richmond instead of travelling to Vancouver.
- Bus stop changes at Richmond-Brighouse Station (Richmond Centre) and Burrard Station effective Sept. 7.

Also on Sept. 7, the bus exchanges at the Richmond-Brighouse Station (formerly known as the Richmond Centre exchange) and Expo Line's Burrard Station will be reorganized. Signs are posted at the current bus stop locations to alert customers to these changes, and TransLink staff will be at these stations to provide more information and assistance. METRO VANCOUVER

Budding Richmond on track to growth

DEREK MOSCATO
for Metro Vancouver

DEVELOPMENT While the City of Richmond has seen increased urbanization over the past decade, there is an expectation that the city — and especially the No. 3 Road corridor — will be transformed by the Canada Line.

No. 3 Road was chosen because of its existing commercial and residential density, which is still rising.

Terry Crowe, Richmond's manager of policy planning, said the city wants to add another 80,000 residents, primarily in high-density neighbourhoods near the city's four Canada Line stations. Richmond's City Centre is currently home to roughly 40,000 residents.

With the No. 3 Road Restoration Project, $24 million has been spent to improve the corridor's Canada Line streetscape, and to establish a foundation for urban development that is friendly to transit users, cyclists and pedestrians.

In addition, there is an expectation that the rapid transit link will bring in more visitors.

Gordon Price, director of the Simon Fraser University City Program, said recently that the Canada Line will afford more people the opportunity to explore not only the city's vibrant culinary scene, but other urban developments such as public art.

"For those who think Richmond is one big strip mall in search of a city, they'll be surprised," he wrote recently on his blog, Price Tags. "Already the blocks between the Lansdowne Station and the Olympic Oval have a very urban feel, deliberately designed in the Vancouver style."

Condo clusters

- Richmond is preparing for clusters of high-rise condos around Canada Line stations, similar to those found in Burnaby and New West.

Canada Line a boon for college

ACCESS Langara is finally on Line, and the college is using it as a marketing tool to attract students.

The campus is two blocks east of Langara-49th Avenue Station, making it easier to reach for students.

"Having the Canada Line, it makes us more accessible to a wider range of constituents," said Ian Humphreys, Langara College's director of communications and marketing.

Humphreys added the college is looking toward its highest enrolment ever in the fall semester, which could be partly attributed to improved accessibility.

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FOR METRO VANCOUVER

More than 50 bus connections to the new Canada Line.

Starting September 7, you've never been so well connected, with over 50 bus routes to take you to and from Canada Line stations. That's in addition to connections from SeaBus, West Coast Express and SkyTrain. For information on bus service changes, including updated schedules and route maps, visit **www.translink.ca** or call **604.953.3333.**

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Report expected to confirm recession's end

The Canadian economy has started a slow crawl back to health after the sharpest three-quarter recession in 50 years, a Statistics Canada report is expected to show on Monday. REUTERS

Canada

Doer announces resignation

Gary Doer announced his resignation as Manitoba premier yesterday, only hours before Prime Minister Stephen Harper unveiled a list of new appointees to the Senate. Doer, stepping down after 10 years in Manitoba's top political job, had to reassure his audience that he was not quitting to take up a new job as a senator. But rumours persist that Doer, 62, might end up as Canada's next ambassador to the United States, replacing Michael Wilson. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tories tied in Ontario, says poll

POLITICS Conservatives have a slight polling lead and have pulled even with the opposition Liberals in the key province of Ontario as the Liberals mull whether to force an early election.

An Ekos poll showed the Conservatives at 32.6 per cent of decided voters and the Liberals at 30.9 per cent, roughly the same as a week earlier.

The two parties tied at 37 per cent in vote-rich Ontario.

"This week's national sample of vote intention ... suggests the Liberals may want to think twice," Ekos said Thursday.

Polls have generally shown the rivals neck and neck this summer, though one released Monday gave the Conservatives an 11-point lead. REUTERS

News in brief

COURTS The wife of a Canadian man shot to death in Thailand, her lover and a hit man have been sentenced to life in prison, CBC News Online reports. Dale Henry, 48, was shot in the head while sleeping in his own bed at his home in Ranong province, Thailand, on Feb. 3, 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

PRODUCTS The greatest threat to come from Canada is not food-borne bacteria but cucumbers and penile enlargement kits. Those two items top the list of Canadian imports the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has refused at the border over the past two years, according to an online database containing more than 1,100 import alerts for everything from baby shampoo to borscht. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper names new senators

Political opponents cry hypocrisy as 9 appointed, including hockey star

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was labelled Canada's political "patronage king" and a "hypocrite" yesterday after tossing aside his oft-repeated promise not to name unelected Canadians to the Senate.

Harper named nine new senators, including Doug Finley (Ontario), his campaign chair, Carolyn Stewart-Olsen (New Brunswick), his longtime communications assistant and Conservative party of Canada president Don Plett (Manitoba).

"He is not only a complete hypocrite, he is now officially the Senate patronage king," Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh (Vancouver South) said.

"He is unequalled in Canadian history as the only prime (minister) to have made 27 senate appointments in a single year and he beat (Progressive Conservative prime minster) Robert Borden who made 26 (in 1917)," he said.

Harper appointed 18 senators in December, including CTV's Mike Duffy, as he attempts to outnumber the Liberal-dominated Red Chamber. Senators are paid $132,000 a year plus benefits and are not required to retire until they turn 75. Critics call it cash for life.

"He has declared to the Canadian public that he would not name unelected people to the Senate," NDP Leader Jack Layton said of Harper.

The surprise appointment was professional hockey coach Jacques Demers, who admitted in his 2005 biography that he can sign his name, but can't read most sentences. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper shakes hands with one of nine newly appointed senators, hockey coach Jacques Demers.

Among named

- Linda Frum (Ontario) is a Toronto journalist. Then with Maclean's, she got the first interview with Harper after he became prime minister in 2006.

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U.S. eyes dozen bunker busters

The U.S. military wants to speed production of 10 to 12 huge bunker buster bombs, the Air Force said Thursday, amid concerns over suspected underground nuclear sites in Iran and North Korea. REUTERS

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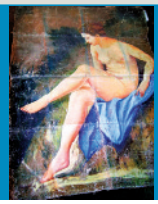

Picasso's Naked Woman recovered

A painting believed to be The Naked Woman by Pablo Picasso is seen after special forces recovered the stolen work in a raid in Hillah, south of Baghdad Wednesday. Iraqi police have recovered what they say is a Picasso painting looted from Kuwait during Iraq's occupation of the country in 1990. REUTERS

News in brief

FLU U.S. health authorities are turning to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter in a bid to prepare people to be vaccinated against the influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu. REUTERS

CIA A Canadian government survival manual was used by U.S. interrogators to set limits on dousing detainees with cold water, according to documents. CIA documents indicate the Canadian manual was used to fine-tune interrogation techniques. The 2005 CIA report refers to the Transport Canada publication to set limits on cold water exposure.

NO MOON ROCK A Dutch museum said Thursday that one of its prized possessions, a rock supposedly brought back from the moon, is just a piece of wood. A spokesperson said the museum will keep the object on display anyway as a curiosity, considering the story behind it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kidnapped girl turns up 18 years later

A California girl abducted at age 11 in 1991 has been found alive, police said on Thursday, adding her kidnapper apparently fathered two children with her and kept all three living in tents and sheds behind his house.

Jaycee Dugard had been missing since she was abducted near her home in South Lake Tahoe, east of San Francisco, on June 10, 1991, by two people in a grey car.

"It's a pretty spectacular story just to find someone like that. Someone we assumed was dead," said Bill Clark, the chief assistant district attorney for El Dorado County, an area east of Sacramento. Dugard's alleged kidnapper, Phillip Craig Garrido, 58, a registered sex offender in California who served time in prison for rape and kidnapping, and Nancy Garrido, 54, were in custody after being arrested on Wednesday, police said.

Dugard was healthy, El Dorado Undersheriff Fred Kollar said, but "living in a backyard the last 18 years must take its toll," he added.

"None of the children had ever been to school, none had been to a doctor, they were kept in complete isolation in this compound, if you will, at the house," Kollar said. Suspicions were first raised after Garrido tried to enter the University of California at Berkeley campus to pass out leaflets with his two daughters. His interaction with the two minors raised suspicion and a police officer looked into his background.

The next day, during a visit with his parole officer, Garrido brought his wife, the two minors and a female named Allissa — who later proved to be Dugard — whom the officer had never seen before. REUTERS

Charges

- The California district attorney's office where the arrest was made said it would file charges by today.

Kennedy's death leaves questions in U.S. finance, health-care reform

POLITICS The death of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy clouds the outlook for overhauling U.S. financial regulation, with all eyes now on Senator Christopher Dodd.

The next move of the Connecticut Democrat, a close friend of his late Massachusetts colleague, will go a long way toward determining the scope and scale of financial reform. The Obama administration and congressional Democrats, including Dodd, want to tighten regulation of banks and capital markets in response to the worst financial crisis in decades.

As chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Dodd has a central role to play in financial reform, but some analysts and lobbyists question whether he will play it in the end.

Now that Kennedy has died, Dodd could take over as chairman of the Senate health committee, which is handling the heated debate over health-care reform, a cause dear to his old friend. REUTERS

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Ted Kennedy's family reacts as the body of Kennedy leaves the family compound in Massachusetts Thursday.

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Hopelessness a stroke risk?

For women, feelings of hopelessness are a stroke risk, U.S. researchers say. A buildup of plaque in their neck arteries can trigger a stroke. REUTERS

Does the U.S. military grade war reporters?

The U.S. military in Afghanistan is defending itself against accusations that a company it employs was rating the work of reporters and suggesting ways to make their war coverage more positive.

Stars And Stripes, a newspaper for U.S. troops, said it had obtained documents prepared for the U.S. military by the Rendon Group, a Washington-based communications firm that graded journalists' work as "positive," "neutral" or "negative." The newspaper, partly funded by the Pentagon but editorially independent, said the journalists' profiles included suggestions on how to "neutralize" negative stories and generate favourable coverage.

It published a pie chart that it said came from a Rendon report on the coverage of a reporter for an unidentified major U.S. newspaper until mid-May, judging it to be 83.33 per cent neutral and 16.67 per cent negative with respect to the military's goals.

> **"This profiling of journalists further compromises the independence of media."**
> Aidan White, International Federation of Journalists

The U.S. military command in Afghanistan said the Rendon Group provided a range of services including analysis of news coverage — but it did not grade journalists.

"I've been here since June and we have never used any product from Rendon to rate specific journalists or to try and influence their reporting," said Rear Admiral Gregory Smith, director of communications for U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

The command said it compiled background information on journalists, including biographical details and recent topics they have covered, to prepare leaders for interviews.

It supplied a sample profile that included bullet-point summaries under headings such as Background, Coverage and Perspective, Style And Tone.

But it said it had never used such information to determine whether a reporter was granted the opportunity to embed with a military unit or interview a commander.

"This profiling of journalists further compromises the independence of media," said Aidan White, general secretary of the Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists. REUTERS

Beer ban hits Black Eyed Peas

POP Muslims in Malaysia have been barred from attending a concert by U.S. band the Black Eyed Peas, sponsored by Guinness.

The move comes after a Malaysian Islamic court sentenced a 32-year Muslim woman to be caned after she was caught drinking beer in a hotel and at a time when an opposition Islamic party has moved against beer sales.

The concert, part of celebrations of Guinness' 250th birthday, asks on its website (arthursday.com.my): "Are you a non-Muslim aged 18 years and above?" and if the response is no, access is not allowed.

Earlier this week, the Pan Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS) said it wanted Danish band Michael Learns to Rock banned from performing as it would cause immorality.

Since 2007, PAS, the country's second largest political group, has campaigned against performances by the likes of Beyoncé, Rihanna, Gwen Stefani and Avril Lavigne. REUTERS

U.S. court gives TV man a break

MARKETING A federal appeals court has thrown out a $37.6 million US fine and three-year infomercial ban against Kevin Trudeau.

The TV pitchman has long battled regulators over his marketing of "cures" for obesity, disease and financial woe.

Thursday's ruling by the Chicago court sends back to a lower court a case accusing Trudeau of misleading marketing.

Judge John Tinder said a lower court judge properly held Trudeau in contempt for having "outright lied" about the content of a book. Yet the judge was "troubled" by the punishment. REUTERS

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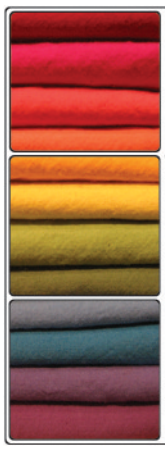
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"I opened my account with Scotiabank while still in India. I landed in Toronto, and asked my friend to drive me to the Scotiabank branch in Brampton. Within a few minutes my account was operational and I had my cheque book and credit card."

New program helps newcomers make a hassle-free start

Recently, Scotiabank conducted a series of seminars in a number of countries to help potential new immigrants get familiarized with banking, and if required, help them apply for a banking account and credit card with Scotiabank in Canada. "I'd heard how important it was to get a credit card to establish my credit history and also that some people find it difficult to get one – but I had no such problem thanks to the *Scotiabank StartRight Program*" says Deepak.

Deepak's wife Kavita was delighted to find that the program entitled them to a small safety deposit box, free for one year[1]. "Scotiabank lived up to our expectations and beyond," says Deepak, who now recommends the program to his friends – those who are in the process of immigrating as well as those who are already here.

Starting right with a little help from friends

Deepak, who was a senior editor at a medical transcription company in India, immigrated in January 2009. He and his wife Kavita, who ran a catering business, chose Canada for a better life and the options it offered their daughters for higher education.

Friends in Canada helped him feel at home from day one, dispelling concerns Kavita may have had about how her husband would fare in a new country. She stayed back in Delhi for their daughter Deepali to finish her grade 10 exam, and joined him six months later. "I missed her and my daughters terribly and looked forward to their arrival. Each night I'd cross another day on the calendar. Kavita knew I was with friends, she was confident on that count" recollects Deepak.

A friend was instrumental in Deepak landing a job within a month of arriving in Canada. "He needed someone to join him and I had a job" he marvels. "Another friend told me I had to get my driving licence and dropped me at the test centre. My friends have been a great support network" he acknowledges. It is with these good friends that Deepak is sharing his Scotiabank experience.

As the Razdans were settling down, they celebrated the Canada Day weekend at the most Canadian of attractions, the Niagara Falls.

An employee speaks of her experience as a newcomer

Harleen Mahindru was familiar with Scotiabank's Welcome to Canada mortgage even before she joined the bank. She moved to Canada from New Delhi, India, in 2003 with her parents and two younger brothers. "When my parents were ready to purchase a home, they went to Scotiabank," she says.

Harleen, who is now employed as a personal banking officer at Scotiabank's branch in Vaughan, points out the advantages of the Welcome to Canada mortgage program and other features that the bank offers new immigrants. "Newcomers who have saved for a down payment could find it relatively easier to secure a mortgage with Scotiabank" she elaborates.

After doing her BBA from University of Toronto and a Mutual Funds course, Harleen joined Scotiabank in January 2008. She has never felt that her ethnicity or gender were a barrier to success.

"Scotiabank rewards enterprise and hard work," says Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. "Scotiabank is a great supporter of diversity in the workplace and the male-female ratio is almost evenly balanced. The opportunities I have got for career growth at Scotiabank are phenomenal."

As a relative newcomer to the country, Harleen knows what it can be like to start fresh. "When I first opened an account at another bank, they wouldn't give me a credit card until I had built up a credit history. But how does one build a credit history without credit? It was a vicious circle. I was able to get a credit card only after being able to show one year of part-time work at a grocery store" she recalls. "Now, under the *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program, new immigrants are eligible to apply for a credit card[2] and can start building a credit history right away." adds Harleen.

Scotiabank launches a new branch locator

A client brought his parents and siblings to Scotiabank. Sensing that they would be more comfortable speaking in their native language, Harleen spoke to them in Hindi.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn, The bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We participate in many programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotiabank branches have staff that speak in many different languages. "In fact, our website (www.scotiabank.com/branchlocator) features a branch locator option to allow customers to locate a branch with staff that speak the language of their choice" adds Rania.

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Vigilance over visas is a necessity

Martin Collacott

The federal government is quite rightly investigating the case of Suaad Hagi Mohamud and why the visa section of our high commission in Nairobi initially agreed with the local authorities that she was not the rightful bearer of the passport she used when attempting to leave Kenya in May.

For those who think this action may be symptomatic of a general disposition on the part of our high commission to be overly suspicious or indifferent towards our citizens who happen to come from the region, Canadians should be aware, however, of the very high levels of misrepresentation that Canadian visa offices have to contend with on a daily basis.

This problem is by no means confined to posts in Africa, nor is it a recent phenomenon. In the 1950s, for example, it was discovered that a large proportion of immigrants who had recently arrived from Hong Kong had done so fraudulently. The problem was so massive that Ottawa decided it was not practical to try to send them all back and eventually regularized the status of the more than 11,000 people.

Suaad Hagi Mohamud

This problem, moreover, has not gone away. In the case of applications from China, our largest source of immigration, access to information requests in recent years have revealed, for example, that 57 per cent of student visa applications from Fujian Province in China were submitted with fraudulent documents while a sampling of business immigration applications from that country found that only 35 per cent were bona fide.

In the case of our second largest source country, India, although the rejection rate for applications at our largest visa office, Delhi, is only 19 per cent, in Chandigarh in the Punjab, most had to be turned down due to fraudulent documents or other forms of misrepresentation.

At some of our posts, such as those in the former Soviet Union, fraudulent applications have also frequently involved attempts by criminal elements to enter Canada.

At our office in Nairobi, fraud, and particularly identity fraud, is a major problem. This takes a number of forms, including claims that children being brought into Canada are one's own offspring when, in fact, they are someone else's. In such cases, DNA testing often becomes necessary — which is expensive and time consuming.

While Mohamud's case should be carefully examined to find out what went wrong and how it can be avoided in the future, Canadians should be under no illusions regarding the high levels of fraud that many of our visa offices have to deal with on a regular basis and the difficulty this poses in terms of making fair and timely decisions.

Martin Collacott is a former Canadian ambassador in Asia and the Middle East.

Views

Don't try to turn a sow's ear into silk purse

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That $365-million roof has sprung a leak.

Victoria is starting to backpedal on the infamous roof for B.C. Place that would have cost almost three times the original $126-million price tag for the entire stadium.

Tourism Minister Kevin Krueger has been more incoherent than usual on this one, but it appears the project is on hold, and at least one source is reporting the swell new retractable dome planned for the Vancouver Whitecaps Major League Soccer debut in 2011 is kaput.

If it turns out to be true, the recession has thankfully prevented at least one wretched excess. I'm sorry, but a $365-million roof when that money is needed to take care of Granny should never have been on the table. It's just too bad the recession didn't descend in time to knock out the $1-billion convention centre.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not opposed to capital projects, just capital projects that are too rich for our blood. It makes sense to unplug the bottleneck at the Port Mann Bridge and make it transit-friendly; it makes very little sense to build palaces for meetings at a time when conferences are going online, and it makes no sense at all to spend more than one-quarter of a billion dollars on a retractable roof in a place that gets 1,200 millimetres of rain over 147 days of the year.

Fix the roof so the Lions and Whitecaps and their fans stay dry but don't try to turn a sow's ear into a silk purse.

We have to stop thinking that taxpayers have an endless supply of dollars to throw at these monumental monstrosities. We've been tricked into thinking that money comes from Victoria and Ottawa when it really comes from Kitsilano and Capilano Road.

I don't mind paying taxes, but I don't understand why I had to buy the tourism industry a Lexus when it could make do with a PT Cruiser, or why I have to buy Bob Lenarduzzi a Rolex when a Timex takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'.

It's about time we let the air out of the grand sense of entitlement that has sucked the economy dry over the last decade. If we play it right, we can recapture virtue out of necessity and start thinking about all these billions as what they really are: The sweat equity of millions of people who get up every morning and go to work.

The last thing they need is a retractable roof.

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Microsoft plans to slash the price of its high-end Xbox 360 video game console by $100, or 25 per cent, stepping up the price war in the video game console market. REUTERS

Business

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Growth of web worm worries tech experts

In the shadowy world of computer viruses, the potential for Armageddon — or its digital equivalent — seemingly lurks around every corner. Such is the challenge faced by computer security experts every day.

Many are easily stopped, but others appear to defy every effort at eradication. Those include a particularly savvy program called Conficker, which attacks computers running Microsoft Windows software and recruits them into a vast army of similarly compromised machines known as a botnet.

"It's a sleeping army. It just lies and waits there for instructions."
Graham Cluley, technology consultant

The worm is conservatively estimated to have infected at least three million computers around the world, although most have no idea their machines have been co-opted.

The concern is that the program's creators will remotely use the botnet's collective computing powers for some sinister purpose.

"Like many of these botnets, it's a sleeping army," said Graham Cluley, a senior technology consultant with antivirus firm Sophos Plc. "It just lies and waits there for instructions. But so far there are no instructions." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clean energy revolution needed, study says

CLIMATE Research into clean energy technology should get a leading role in new UN climate pact ahead of ever tougher curbs on greenhouse gas emissions, a study said on Friday.

"We need to start talking a lot more about the technological revolution," said Bjorn Lomborg, a Danish statistician and author of The Skeptical Environmentalist who commissioned the report to give alternative ideas for a new UN climate treaty.

11 The report estimated that investments of $100 billion a year in research into new technologies could avoid $11 of damage from climate damage for every dollar spent.

Stressing deep cuts in carbon emissions before technologies were ready was a "doomed approach", according to the study led by Chris Green, a specialist in environmental economics at McGill University.

The report said that a new UN climate treaty due to be agreed in Copenhagen in December risked putting emphasis on "how much to do in the next period, rather than how to do it." REUTERS

Home prices expected to rise

REAL ESTATE If you were expecting home prices to tumble this year, you weren't alone. But strong sales have meant that analysts have been struggling to figure out the direction of a market that has defied expectations and the gravitational pull of a global recession.

In an abrupt reversal yesterday, the Canadian Real Estate Association now says existing new home prices across Canada are forecast to increase — not decrease — by the end of the year.

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Business in brief

TV Second-largest U.S. cable operator Time Warner Cable Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. said Thursday they have joined a trial with major media companies to offer television shows on the Web to paying subscribers.

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Artist Bio - Pink Mountaintops

Hit Songs
Execution
Vampire (Let the Right One In)

Funky, psychedelic rock meets blues in *Execution,* the latest single from Pink Mountaintops. You may recognize singer Stephen McBean from Black Mountain, a fixture in the local "stoner rock" scene. McBean and company have created a stripped down sound for Pink Mountaintops' latest album, **Outside Love.** Other tracks include *Vampire,* a beautiful, haunting melody. Vampire shows the band has mastered the art of music videos too; check out myspace.com/pinkmountaintops. Pink Mountaintops play the Rickshaw Theatre September 27th.

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Shaq ticketed in Hollywood

NBA star Shaquille O'Neal has received a ticket in Hollywood for stopping his car in the street. Los Angeles police officers spotted O'Neal's Ford F-350 pickup truck on a street shortly before 2 a.m. Thursday. O'Neal was cited for impeding the reasonable movement of traffic and allowed to drive off. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Kane, cousin plead guilty

Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane, left, and his cousin James Kane pleaded guilty Thursday to a non-criminal charge of disorderly conduct and were ordered to send an apology to the Buffalo cab driver they were accused of roughing up over 20 cents. The 20-year-old player and his 21-year-old cousin were given conditional discharges, meaning they will avoid any penalties if they stay out of trouble for a year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Staal tales from camp

Trio of brothers in hunt to make Canada's Olympic hockey team

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

As one of three alternate players, Eric Staal could only watch as Canada struggled to a seventh-place showing in the men's hockey competition at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.

Fast forward four years and Staal has a great shot to earn a regular spot on Team Canada for the 2010 Winter Olympics this February in Vancouver.

"Words can't describe what that would feel like," said the 24-year-old Carolina Hurricanes forward.

Eric's younger brothers Marc, 22, and Jordan, 20, also took part in the national men's team orientation camp this week in Calgary.

"I don't think anyone in our family really realized how far we've taken this, and it's really surreal." Jordan Staal

"It would be pretty amazing and something special," said the eldest Staal brother of the chance for all three of the Thunder Bay, Ont. siblings to make the team. "They're very good players. They've got a chance just like anybody else here of cracking the lineup."

With 16 defencemen at camp, Marc will be in tough to earn one of seven spots for blue-liners on the squad.

"I know I have to be doing something right to get on the list," said the New York Rangers rearguard, who stands six-foot-four and weighs 220 pounds, just like Eric. "It's pretty cool to be a part of it, but at the same time, I'm coming into camp confident and not just ready to be there, but trying to make an impression."

After hoisting the Stanley Cup as a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Jordan also got the call from Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman to suit up at the orientation camp.

"I don't think anyone in our family really realized how far we've taken this, and it's really surreal, but at the same time we know we're good enough players to be here and we're good enough players to play on this team," said Jordan, who's the same height as his brothers, but outweighs them by 15 pounds.

Canada could very well have four Staals in contention to play for the men's team soon as the youngest of the brothers, Jared, 19, is an up-and-coming prospect with the Phoenix Coyotes.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Sportswear company Nike Inc. sold its ownership stake in the United Soccer Leagues to NuRock Soccer Holdings LLC Thursday. Nike inherited the USL structure when it bought British company Umbro in 2007.

NFL Michael Vick made his long-awaited debut with the Philadelphia Eagles Thursday, appearing in several different roles in the first half of the team's 33-32 win over Jacksonville in pre-season action. Vick played quarterback, wide receiver and ran the Wildcat formation.

MLB Boston Red Sox centre fielder Jacoby Ellsbury left Thursday's 9-5 loss to the White Sox in the bottom of the fifth after suffering a mild left ankle sprain sliding into home.

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PGA Three-way tie at The Barclays

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Tiger Woods acknowledges the gallery after saving par on the 14th green Thursday during the first round at The Barclays at Liberty National in Jersey City, N.J. Woods finished the day tied for 27th. Steve Marino, Paul Goydos and Sergio Garcia were tied for the lead at 6-under. Calgary's Stephen Ames shot a 1-under 70, while Bright's Grove, Ont., native Mike Weir shot 71.

Toronto: World-class sports city?

FieldofPlay

Scott Russell

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The time is at hand for Toronto. This weekend the Pan American Sports Organization and its evaluation committee come calling to see if the city and the Greater Golden Horseshoe have what it takes to host the 2015 Pan Am Games.

What will they see?

They will surely witness a vibrant, multicultural, population in the hub of the bid community and be impressed by a sophisticated and ambitious urban giant with the corporate support as well as infrastructure to make the Games a reality.

"With the Pan Am decision looming, Toronto can no longer remain aloof."

There is no question that Toronto is Canada's premier professional sports city. When it comes to hockey, football, baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, auto racing and golf, Toronto has got it all. And with its desire to attract an NFL franchise, it ha a voracious appetite for North American pro sport.

It should be a slam-dunk.

Surely Toronto and its surrounding municipalities are more impressive than bid rivals in Columbia and Peru. But there is one outstanding weakness, one smouldering fire the Big Smoke must extinguish in order to prove it really wants to be a major international city of sport.

Toronto has a less-than-glorious track record when it comes to hosting Olympic-style events.

The last time was the ill-fated 1993 World Indoor Track and Field Championships at SkyDome. Canadian Bruny Surin won the sprint title, but attendance was abysmal. Aside from soccer's FIFA U-20, which saw Toronto as one of six venues across the country, there's been precious little else. This may have been a factor in the failed efforts to land the Olympics in 1996 and again in 2008.

Meantime, Hamilton has hosted the World Cycling Championships; Edmonton, the World Track and Field Championships; Montreal, the World Aquatics Championships; Vancouver, the World Triathlon Championships; Quebec City and Halifax shared the World Hockey Championships; and Calgary has hosted the World Figure Skating Championships.

With the Pan Am decision looming, Toronto can no longer remain aloof.

To be successful in its quest to host the Pan Am Games and eventually an Olympics, Canada's biggest community must convince its doubters that it not only has the ambition to be a "world-class" sports city, but also that it has the will to make it happen.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Former child-actor Jason Bateman, known for his supporting character roles, proves he can hold his own as leading man in Extract. Bateman insists he has found his niche in the new Mike Judge written and directed comedy.

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Bateman brings on the bore

Extract star makes career out of plain characters

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Jason Bateman likes to spread the wealth and it's beginning to pay off.

Not only has the affable actor made a career out of handing over the spotlight to his co-stars but at 40 years old, the former child-actor's generosity may finally be paving the way to the A-list.

Of course, Bateman has had a string of success (Hancock, Juno) but it's always been as a supporting player.

Now, with the release of his first true leading role as the bewildered owner of a flavouring factory in Extract, one must stop to ponder — why did it take so long for Jason Bateman to become a marquee movie star?

"I think that people get to be 'big stars' based on the roles that they play," revealed the perpetual straight-man during a recent interview.

"You don't want a bunch of spice all the way through the movie; you need somebody, something down the middle and somewhat boring and plain like characters that I enjoy playing."

He modestly insists it's a simple case of finding your niche that has more to do with his success than luck. And as for Extract, Bateman has definitely found his niche. Written and directed by Mike Judge (TV's King of the Hill), Bateman hilariously plays straight man to a string of odd-but-authentic blue-collar characters.

Extract hits theatres next Friday

"For me, Mike Judge represents a certain tone and flavour of comedy that's not right in your face," said Bateman of his comfort in the movie. "What he writes are character comedies as opposed to joke comedies or broad, big comedic set-piece comedies … his laughs are very well earned."

While audiences will have to wait until next Friday to see Extract, Bateman will soon be a cinematic staple with no less than three films hitting theatres over the next few months. One of them — Up in the Air — reunited him with Canadian director Jason Reitman (Juno).

"(Reitman) showed it to me the other day and it's really, really good," said Bateman of the comedy which debuts at this year's Toronto International Film Festival. "He's an incredible talent you guys have spawned and I think it's going to be quite the victory tour for him up there again."

There Jason Bateman goes again — spreading the wealth.

Jason Bateman and Kristen Wiig turn up their comic flair in Extract.

On the web

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Where's the fun in Taking Woodstock?

Taking Woodstock
Director: Ang Lee
Stars: Demetri Martin, Emile Hirsch
Classification: R
Rating: ⊕⊕

HEIDI PATALANO
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Taking Woodstock promises to be a comedy. It even has a comedian as its leading man. But it is not funny — not even laugh in your head funny.

We'd prefer to pin most of the blame on the lead, non-actor Demetri Martin, who, no matter how much he self-deprecatingly claims he didn't know what he was doing (and he's not wrong there), makes the whole affair feel like a tepid high school play.

Taking Woodstock depicts the historic three-day concert of 1969 from the point of view of Elliot Teichberg, a man who helped to bring the festival to the small town where his parents owned a motel.

You'd also expect more from a director like Ang Lee, who does nothing to reinvent any clichés we might have in mind about far-out hippies and the stodgy, conservative generation before them.

The only breath of fresh air comes from a handful of accomplished actors, such as Liev Schrieber and Paul Dano, who prove even within their tiny cameo parts that comedy and pathos can be drawn out of the weakest script.

Demetri Martin may be a great comedian, but his acting career should be as short-lived as our amusement with this film.

Comedian Demetri Martin joins the world's biggest party ever in Taking Woodstock.

Film program stays alive

GRANT The Los Angeles County Museum of Art's film program, which was to be shut down in October, has been granted a stay of execution.

The program will continue to operate until at least June thanks to a grant of $150,000 from the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. and Time Warner Cable in a partnership with Ovation TV.

LACMA said in July that it was closing the weekend film program, a staple at the museum during the past four decades, because it had lost $1 million over the past 10 years. It also said Ian Birnie, the program's director for 13 years, would become a consultant.

The decision provoked an outcry in Los Angeles' film community.

The HFPA, which produces the Golden Globe Awards, and Time Warner Cable/Ovation, are giving the museum $75,000 apiece so that the program can continue without interruption through the museum's current fiscal year.

It is unclear what role Birnie will have under the extension. A museum spokeswoman said Wednesday that the parties "are still in discussions."

Additionally, TWC and Ovation will embark on a $1.5 million marketing effort to promote the program across their multiple media platforms locally and nationally.

REUTERS

Movies in brief

HORROR MTV is doing a slasher movie. With the network increasing its scripted shows and teen horror continuing to perform well at the box office, MTV has commissioned its first stab at the popular genre, My Super Psycho Sweet 16. REUTERS

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Jolie Wanted alive

Angelina Jolie is to be brought back from the dead. Producers are so desperate for the actress to reprise her Wanted role that they are coming up with storylines to bring her back — despite the character dying in the first movie. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies

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How to die in 3-D

The Final Destination latest in gory series

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

The folks behind the Final Destination films spend a lot of time thinking about death, and they're the first to admit that it can take its toll.

"We've been very creative in creating new ways to die, which is kind of sick," says director David R. Ellis, who returns to the franchise after sitting out the third instalment.

"There are a lot of twisted people on this film. It was a battle to see who could be more twisted."

If he sounds conflicted about his work, there's a reason. Even with Snakes on a Plane on his resume, as a director Ellis wasn't immediately drawn to the scary movie genre.

"I wasn't a big horror film fan when I was asked to do Final Destination 2. And I'm not sure that I'm proud of myself that I've gotten so into it," he says.

The Final Destination opens today

One thing he is proud of is the fact that the fourth film has something the others didn't. In the latest chapter — the "the" in the title is supposed to suggest this will be the last, according to producers — viewers get a new element: Gooey, gory mayhem in full-on 3-D.

"It's going to be the future of a lot of films, but I don't think it's going to replace 2-D," Ellis says.

"I don't think people are ready for that. But there will be more and more films that it makes sense to shoot in 3-D."

The director wasn't alone in his hesitance about horror. "I don't do well with blood," admits Shantel Vansanten, who stars as one of the group of attractive young people spared from a horrific accident because of a friend's premonition — only to have death hunt them down one by one.

"I don't do well with gory films at all. I'd never watched any of them prior to booking the film."

Shantel Vansanten plays a young woman hunted by death in The Final Destination.

Movie feature

What she got was a crash course. With three films in the series already done, audiences are familiar enough with the formula that the filmmakers didn't need to worry about too much besides creating more intricate and interesting death scenes.

"We skipped all the exposition and just got to what people wanted to see," says Bobby Campo, the film's lead.

And that formula is something that The Final Destination does well, offering a unique experience of pure spectacle that never takes itself too seriously. But, the cast admits it's an awful lot to take in for the average viewer, especially in 3-D.

Co-star Nick Zano says he's worried about taking him mother to the premiere, and not just because of all the blood.

"My mom is hypersensitive. She cries over anything," he says.

"I'm just afraid she'll start crying during my sex scene."

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Sarandon goes to Wall Street

Susan Sarandon is joining the cast of the Wall Street sequel. The Thelma and Louise star is in final talks to play the mother of Shia LaBeouf's character in Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Head, starring The Monkees, and The Trip offer glimpses of the wild life of the 1960s.

A trip down wild '60s

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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The video store isn't just a place to rent the latest DVDs. Hidden among the shelves are dozens of time capsules from another age.

Want to know what made Americans laugh in the 1920s? Rent The Gold Rush. How about a look at life in postwar Italy? Check out Open City. These shelves offer row upon row of living history; moving images that bring history to life.

Perhaps no decade has been as documented on film as the 1960s. From failed attempts to present the counter culture(Skidoo and Valley of the Dolls) to more zeitgeist grabbing entries(Woodstock and Zabriskie Point) and newer films that try to capture the spirit of the make-love-not-war decade (this weekend's Taking Woodstock) the films of and about the '60s paint a portrait of a decade of change.

Jack Nicholson claims to have watched Head, a psychedelic movie he helped write and produce, and starring The Monkees, "Like, 158 times." Seen through modern eyes it's hard to imagine multiple viewings of this strange movie, but there is a certain crazy charm to it.

More a stream-of-consciousness rant than an actual movie, Head is jammed full of musical numbers, film satires and references to '60s hot button topics like Vietnam and eastern religions.

As a movie it's kind of a frustrating experience — Wikipedia says "even fans tend to disagree whether the film is a landmark of surreal, innovative filmmaking or simply a fascinating mess" — but it does capture the anarchic spirit of its time.

Jack Nicholson contributed to many counter culture films, most notably Easy Rider, but his script for the The Trip is a little known gem of druggie propaganda. Directed by Roger Corman (who dropped acid along with stars Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda to prepare for filming) it's a snapshot of the frontier of the drug culture of the 1960s.

Fonda stars as a bored television director who drops acid and spends the balance of the movie hallucinating. An orange becomes "the sun in my hands, man!" before the trip turns sour and he is threatened by a chair. It's a madcap film featuring a strange sex scene with optical effects projected onto writhing bodies and loads of "groovy" dialogue.

If you weren't there, or were there and can't remember, these films offer a glimpse into the wild world of the 1960s.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Lorna's Silence Heartbreaking

Lorna's Silence

Director: Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne
Stars: Arta Dobroshi, Jeremie Renier, Fabrizio Rongione
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Lorna's Silence — the latest film by Cannes favourites the Dardenne brothers — is a powerful and emotionally draining experience.

Watching the film can't exactly be described as fun, but the raw emotions and difficult subject matter the Dardennes study with their unflinching handheld cameras are vital and compelling. The movie might be a little more conventional than the previous features by the masterful Belgian siblings, but it's no less emotionally challenging.

Arta Dobroshi brings a cold exterior and conflicted interior to the lead role of Lorna. She plays a woman who has married a pathetic junkie named Claudy to secure herself Belgian citizenship and plans to quickly divorce the sorry man to marry a Russian criminal as part of the same scam.

The operation is run by Fabio, a sleazy underground figure with mysterious connections. Lorna takes part in the disreputable scheme in the hopes of making enough money to open a café with her boyfriend. It's clear early on this is little more than a fantasy and Lorna is stuck in a ring of human exploitation not unlike prostitution.

She may not be forced to sleep with any of her accomplices, but she's being used purely for her gender and treated in a dehumanizing manner not unlike a lady of the night.

The Dardennes never paint the characters as heroes or villains, instead presenting a collection of flawed human beings trapped in overwhelming circumstances. The situations explored in Lorna's Silence are sadly quite true and the filmmakers treat them with the level of gravity and realism they deserve.

It's a heartbreaking film, but a rewarding one offering plenty of material for passionate red-eyed discussion to be carried out by the audience long after the credits roll.

Arta Dobroshi pays the titular character in Lorna's Silence.

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Megan Fox will have to claw her way into another role. The sexy starlet has not been cast as Catwoman by Warner Bros. "It's rumour. It's not true," said a studio rep. "There is no script. There is no project to be cast in." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Avatar tix go on sale

James Cameron's Avatar won't reach movie theatres for almost four months, but tickets for the much-hyped sci-fi action movie are already on sale.

Touted as a potential watershed release — displaying the creative possibilities of both 3-D cinema and motion-capture production techniques — Avatar is scheduled for a global bow Dec. 18. Cameron's Lightstorm Entertainment is co-producing with distributor 20th Century Fox, which has been stoking exhibitors' appetite for the release through screenings of extended clip reels from the film.

Recently, the studio staged public screenings of a special 16-minute Avatar trailer at 100 Imax theatres.

Now, AMC has decided to sell tickets to the movie's opening-day midnight performances.

Online ticketers MovieTickets.com and Fandango began ringing up sales for Avatar performances at more than 75 AMC locations, most of them Imax 3-D venues.

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"Tickets being put on sale for a film four months in advance is unheard of," MovieTickets executive vice-president Joel Cohen said.

"The fact that tickets have already been sold really speaks to the tremendous buzz the film has already created and the power of James Cameron at the box office."

Avatar is Cameron's first dramatic feature since 1997's Titanic, which is still the highest-grossing film of all time.

"Audiences are hungry for fresh fare with original storytelling," Fandango spokesman Harry Medved said. "And with Avatar, you have no idea where the story is going to go."

Sam Worthington stars in James Cameron's upcoming film Avatar.

Sales of the midnight tickets were said to be "healthy."

It was unclear if any other exhibitors will follow AMC's lead in offering early advance ticketing for the film. The studio has yet to hammer out film rental terms with circuits — though that didn't stop the nation's second-biggest circuit from suggesting the early ticketing.

"AMC came up with the idea," Fox senior vice-president of distribution Chris Aronson said.

"They said that if all these people are going to come to our theatre to see 16 minutes of a film that doesn't open until December, let's give them an opportunity to buy tickets to the first performances of the show itself."

As a practical matter, no one can offer tickets for any screenings beyond the first midnight performances, because nobody knows what the final running time will be after Cameron finishes editing Avatar. The film's length is likely to be between two and a half and three hours. REUTERS

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Adrenaline (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk (STC) Fri-Sat
Beavers (STC) Fri-Thu 11-5
Roving Mars (G) Fri-Thu 3 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Sat 7:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (G) Fri-Thu 6
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 7:10:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-7:10:15 Mon-Thu 7:10:15

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7:10-9:15
Adam (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:30-9:45
In the Loop (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:20-9:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:25
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:35

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

The Blues Brothers (STC) Fri 7
Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:25
Fifty Dead Men Walking (14A) Fri 4:05 Sat-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:35
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:20
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri 3:55 Sat-Sun 11-1:25-3:55 Mon-Thu 3:55
Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:30
Opus Arte: La Traviata (STC) Sat-Sun 11
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri 4:15-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-4:15-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:15
Public Enemies (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40
Thirst (18A) Fri 4-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:45
Up (G) Fri 3:45 Sat-Sun 11-1:15-3:45 Mon-Thu 3:45

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

District 9 (18A) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:15-4-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50
Halloween II (18A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:30-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
Inglourious Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri 7:10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7:10:15 Mon-Thu 7:10:15

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Alias Nick Beal (STC) Sun 7:30
Girlfriend Experience (dir. Ileana Pietrobruno) (STC) Wed-Thu 7:30
The Girlfriend Experience (14A) Wed-Thu 9:25
Kiss Me Deadly (STC) Fri 7:30 Sat 9:30
Somewhere in the Night (STC) Fri 9:30 Mon 7:15
Strangers on a Train (STC) Sat 7:30 Sun 9:20
While the City Sleeps (STC) Mon 9:20

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Lorna's Silence (14A) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15
Royal Opera House: La Traviata (STC) A.M. Sat 10
Toons For Toddlers (G) A.M. Sun 10:30
The Ugly Truth (14A) Wed 1

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Little Shop of Horrors (STC) Fri
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

The Cove (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
District 9 (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:10 Mon 7-10 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10 Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:30-10:30
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Tue 1-3:50-7:50-10:40 Wed 1-3:50-10:40 Thu 1-3:50-7:50-10:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3-6:30-10:15
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:50-10:20 Fri-Wed 12-3:30-7:10-10:45 Thu 12-3:30-10:45
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:40

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:05-7:30-9:50
Funny People (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:50-10
Halloween II (18A) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:15-1:30-2:45-4:5:15-6:30-7:45-10:25 No Passes Thu 12:15-1:30-2:45-4:5:15-6:30-7:45-10:25
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:20-7:50-10:20
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 1-4:15-7:10-10:15 Sat 7:10-10:15 Sun-Thu 1-4:15-7:10-10:15
Paper Heart (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-9:30
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri 12:05-4:45-9:25 No Passes Sat 12:05 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:05-4:45-9:25
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri 2:30-7:05 No Passes Sat 2:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:30-7:05
Taking Woodstock (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-9:55
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:35-10:10

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

The End of the Line (STC) Mon 6:30-8:15 Wed-Thu 6:30-8:15
Taiwanfest Cinema (STC) Fri-Sun 7-9:30

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:50-7-9:10 Mon-Wed 7-9:10 Thu 7

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7:15-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:40-9:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Inglourious Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri 1:25-3:55-7:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-3:55-7:20 Mon-Thu 1:25-3:55-7:20
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:35
La Traviata (STC) Sat-Sun 11

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

District 9 (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:50
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7-9:20
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-7:20-10
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-3-5-7:10 Thu 3-5-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-6:30-9:30
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:35-4:45-7:05-9:40

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

District 9 (18A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:55
The Final Destination (18A) No Passes Fri 5:15-7:20-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:20-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:15-7:20-9:30
Halloween II (18A) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:40
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 4-7:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-7:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4:05-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:05-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:50
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:35

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Apni Boli Apna Des (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:30-8
District 9 (18A) Fri-Tue 12:20-1:30-3:20-4:55-7:35-8-10:20-10:45 Wed 12:20-3:20-4:55-7:35-8-10:20-10:45 Thu 12:20-1:30-3:20-4:55-7:35-8-10:20-10:45
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 10:05
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:25-7-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:05-10:25
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:35-10:25
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-7:45-10:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 1-4:30-8
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:35-7:15
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 11:35-12:55-3:15-4:25-6:55-8:15-10:20
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:30-7:10-10:10
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-6:45-9:25
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4:05-7:15-9:40 Thu 4:05-7:15-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shorts (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:25-5:05-7:20-9:55
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:05-7:25-10:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3-6:50-9:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:20-10:10

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:15
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri 4 Sat-Sun 1-4 Mon-Thu 4
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:15

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

District 9 (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:35-10:35
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7:25-10
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-5-7:35-10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-7:15-10:20
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3-6:55-9:45
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-3:05-6:45-10:10
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:25-7:10:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:55-9:55
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-7:05-10:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12-2:35-4:55-7:30-10:05

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 10
Funny People (18A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:50
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri 5-7:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 2-5-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:40
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri 3:45-5:50 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:45-5:50 Mon-Thu 3:45-5:50
Ponyo (G) Fri 4:25-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7-9:30
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 7:55-9:55
Shorts (G) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:35
Up (G) Fri 3:40-5:45-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:40-5:45-7:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-5:45-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:20-10:25
District 9 (18A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Tue 7:50-10:50 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:35-5:15-7:45-10:15
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 4:05-10:35
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:25-4:50-7:30-10:05
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-6:50-10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:7:25-10:40
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:15-10:45
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-7:45
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:25-6:55-10:25
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-6:40-9:30
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 11:45-12:45-3:20-4:20-7-8-10:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:15-6:50-9:50
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-6:45-9:30
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-7:10-10:20
Shorts (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:55-9:40
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 12-4-7:40-10:45
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Tue 12:10-3-6:45-9:45 Wed 3:40-6:45-9:45 Thu 12:10-3-6:45-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:05-7:55-10:45

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 7
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 9:05
Up (G) Fri-Thu 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 9:25
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-6:30
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-8:25
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12-4:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Apni Boli Apna Des (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:40
Daddy Cool (Hindi) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:15
District 9 (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:30
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3-5:10-7:25-9:45
G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-6:55-9:50
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:20-9:55
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:05
Kaminey (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:15-10:20
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-9:30
Shorts (G) Fri-Tue 12:40-6:40 Wed 6:40 Thu 12:40-6:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

District 9 (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:45-4:45-7:15-9:30-11:50 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:15-9:30
G-Force (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:40-10
Halloween II (18A) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1-4-7-9:45-11:55 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12
Inglourious Basterds (18A) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:45-3:15-4:15-6:45-7:45-10:15-11:30 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:45-3:15-4:15-6:45-7:45-10:15
Julie & Julia (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:05-9:55
Kissan (Hindi with English Subtitles) (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40
Post Grad (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:10
Shorts (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:40-9:35
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:50
The Ugly Truth (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10:05

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterionheatres.com

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterionheatres.com

District 9 (18A) Fri 7:10-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:25
The Final Destination (18A) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Shorts (G) Fri 7:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-6:45-9:30
District 9 (18A) Fri-Wed 12:15-12:45-3:35-4:05-6:55-7:35-9:50-10:25 Thu 12:45-3:35-4:05-6:55-7:35-9:50-10:25
The Final Destination 3D (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:05
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 9:55
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:55-7-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:30-10:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:40-7:20-10:25 Wed 12:55-3:40-10:25 Thu 12:55-3:40-7:20-10:25
Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:20
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 7:10-10:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 1-4:30-8
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:25
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 1-2-5:15-6:30-9:10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50-9:55
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Tue 11:50-3-6:50-9:35 Wed 11:50-6:50-9:35 Thu 11:50-3-6:50-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Shorts (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:20-6:40-9:15
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3-6:45-9:45
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:05-10:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-7:15-9:40

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Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 10:40
A Perfect Getaway (14A) A.M. Fri-Sat 1:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30

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Music

Jet's new album, Shaka Rock, was released this week.

Australian group Jet refuel, reunite

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Jet drummer Chris Cester is on the phone outside of a Ramones museum in Berlin. In a few hours the band will play there, but unfortunately they're not covering a song by the legendary punk band. "That would have been great," says Cester, "but we had no time. We're probably the busiest right now than we've ever been."

That's saying a lot, considering the Australian rock foursome dominated the world's music scene in 2003, after they released their huge hit single Are You Gonna Be My Girl. However, Cester isn't actually sure if the band really is busier now than they were back then.

"I don't know if that's right because I can't remember," he says. "For three years it was just one long after-party."

Cester sounds like he's joking, but he's not. After Get Born soared up the charts six years ago the group started living the rock 'n' roll high life. They abused drugs, alcohol and partied almost every night.

The band still managed to release Shine On in 2006, but it was a critical and commercial failure (at least compared to their multi-platinum debut). Soon enough the non-stop excess took its toll on the group and Jet, which includes Cester's brother Nic on vocals, parted ways.

"There was a period there where I didn't know what was happening," the drummer recalls. "I wasn't speaking to my brother. I didn't even know if he would answer the phone if I called."

About six months after the group split up Cester received a call from guitarist Cam Muncey. "He's like, 'what are you doing? I'm bored out of my brain. Are we going to do this?'" And just like that the band members convened in New York and showed each other all the songs they had been working on during their downtime.

Eventually the band entered the studio and recorded their third disc Shaka Rock. It's another high-energy rock record, though it's far more infectious and engaging than Shine On.

Even though this doesn't sound like a new band, in a way it is. Cester points out that in order to keep Jet alive, the band had to ditch their label and all the hangers on that enabled their out-of-control lifestyle.

"One of our provisions was that we had to do everything differently," he explains. "We fired everyone that worked for us. We just decided we needed to start again. We produced the record ourselves, didn't record in L.A. and we didn't spend a ton of money."

Reggae's bright light

Matisyahu creates the most diverse album of his career

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

When Matisyahu, an orthodox Jew from Brooklyn, became a reggae sensation seemingly overnight, you couldn't help but wonder if this was just a strange gimmick. After all it's not everyday you see a bearded, kippah-wearing father of two jamming out like he's Bob Marley. But, three years after releasing Youth, his hit sophomore record, Matthew Paul Miller is still as popular as ever.

That fact that his new album, Light, is high on many people's must-have lists is all the more impressive considering he hasn't released a disc since 2006 and didn't tour for chunks of 2008 and 2009.

"The next record I make I'll try to not wait so long before I get started with it," he says on the phone from his home in Brooklyn. "I didn't want to work on the record while I was touring, but I was on the road for a while after the first record came out."

He eventually stopped travelling to work on the disc, then took time to find the right promotion team, and just before he was originally scheduled to release the record — in 2008 — he decided to make some changes to his songs.

"It was a learning curve, but I now have the sense of how to get these things done faster," he says.

The final product might surprise some of his die-hard fans — it's a lot less reggae than his previous disc. We Will Walk sounds like a U2-meets-Sublime mash-up, Escape's verses are straight-up hip-hop, and Motivate has a Linkin Park-esque rock chorus.

Three years after releasing Youth, his hit sophomore record, Matisyahu is back with new disc Light.

"I'll take an idea from a story or prayer, or a concept from the Hasidic philosophy and find something that really gets me going. I'll think about that idea and how it resonates in me and try to write from an intuitive place." Matisyahu

There are still plenty of the reggae-lite sounds that made him famous, but this is easily Matisyahu's most diverse effort of his career.

There's also a bit of a shift lyrically. The singer doesn't talk as explicitly about Torah or God as he did on the last disc. But that doesn't mean the songs weren't inspired by his religion.

"I'll take an idea from a story or prayer, or a concept from the Hasidic philosophy and find something that really gets me going," he explains. "I'll think about that idea and how it resonates in me and try to write from an intuitive place."

For Matisyahu, just the act of playing and connecting with an audience is spiritual too.

"That's where the real love is happening," he says. "It gives me a certain strength to continue. I feel involved in something that's bigger than I am and I can't stand in the way of it."

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Music

Metro recommends

• **Imidiwan: Companions, Tinariwen:** African collective infuse their traditional Touareg music with classic rock influences and stellar guitar interplay.

• **Imperial Blaze, Sean Paul:** Club bangin' dancehall tracks with sharp hip-hop beats and Sean Paul's signature Jamaican flow.

• **See Mystery Lights, Yacht:** Brainy indie-electro party jams that pulsate with computerized jungle beats, spacey synthesizers and cheeky vocals.

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Eddie Vedder looks back

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

Eddie Vedder looks awfully relaxed for someone who's just been told that the lead singer of the opening act didn't make it across the border. Instead of making the crowd wait, Pearl Jam has decided to quickly pull together an acoustic set. Pearl Jam will open for themselves tonight.

Up on the second floor of the venue, we can hear songs like Alive and Corduroy blaring from cars in the parking lot. He pays this no notice. A decade ago, Eddie had a rep as an introverted loner, someone whose relationship with fame was complicated. Today, though, he's about as outgoing and congenial as a human can be.

"We've been through enough with this band that this could be one of the better times," he says, "It was well earned. And I guess that's why you want to keep it together because this is the good stuff."

I mention that Pearl Jam is one of the few surviving bands from the original Seattle days.

"A lot of the musicians, they still play. We definitely lost a few. You think, 'Wow, it must be hard to keep a band together.' It hasn't been easy for us. But if it can't be easy to be in a rock band, what's the point of life?"

Due on Sept. 20, the new Pearl Jam album is called Backspacer, a word that's been floating around the Pearl Jam world for a while. Fans first heard it when Pearl Jam sponsored a leatherback turtle race. National Geographic tagged a series of turtles with GPS devices to see which one reached their winter homes in the southern Caribbean first. Pearl Jam's turtle smoked 'em all.

So what came first? The album or the turtle?

"The typewriter key," he says, lighting up another smoke. "I was doing a bit of sculpture with typewriter keys, making a mosaic. And as I was putting these words together, I realized that I had written 'The Who.' Great! And then I wrote the name of our band and it looked really great. And then I saw a key that said 'backspacer.' And that key must have come off a typewriter from the late '20s."

"We don't have 'backspace' keys anymore," I point out. "We have 'delete' keys."

Eddie laughs. "Yes, but backspace keys mean you have to go back and look at your mistakes."

More Vedder

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Death Cab scores New Moon single

SOUNDTRACKS Death Cab For Cutie has scored the lead-single spot on the soundtrack for New Moon, the upcoming second installment of the Twilight vampire series.

Meet Me On the Equinox, a song written specifically for the movie by the Grammy-nominated indie rock band, will be unveiled Sept. 13 on MTV's website during the cable channel's Video Music Awards broadcast. The entire soundtrack for New Moon is set for release on Oct. 20 on Chop Shop/Atlantic Records. The film comes out on Nov. 20.

While no other artists are yet confirmed, rumors have included Radiohead's Thom Yorke, singer/songwriter Bon Iver, and rock bands Grizzly Bear and Muse all in the running. REUTERS

TOP 10 RINGTONES

1 I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas
2 I Know You Want Me Pitbull
3 Fire Burning Sean Kingston
4 Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
5 Birthday Sex Jeremih
6 Day N Nite Kid Cudi
7 One Time Justin Bieber
8 Knock You Down Kerri Hilson
9 Paparazzi Lady Gaga
10 I'm On a Boat Lonely Island

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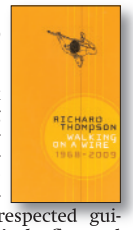
ROGERS

Richard Thompson

Album: Walking on a Wire, 1968-2009
Label: Shout Factory
Rating: ●●●●



THERE'S AN AWFUL lot to like in this four-disc, 71-track box set spanning the four-decade career of one of rock music's most respected guitarists. But it's the first and last discs in this box that impress the most. That says a great deal about Thompson. It says that his career now is as impelling and creative now as it was in 1968. You're going to have a tough time finding another artist of which that can be said. The box, priced at about $66, spans 34 albums, arranged in chronological order from his days with folk-rock pioneers Fairport Convention to his 2009 masterpiece Sweet Warrior. Rolling Stone once described Thompson as the "quintessential cult artist" (loose translation: genius without a hit). This box-set offers cult members a chance to replace worn-out vinyl without having to negotiate a bank loan and is an easy way for the uninitiated to get immersed in a remarkable body of work.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

CNN's Cooper pulls no punches on Montag's pageant performance

We always knew that Anderson Cooper was a silver fox, but we never knew how sharp his claws were. The CNN anchor tore Heidi Montag's Miss Universe pageant performance to shreds, saying she has found a "fresh new way to embarrass herself." **POPEATER.COM**

Television

Lauren Collins as Paige and Adamo Ruggiero as Marco in the upcoming Degrassi TV movie Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood.

Snake goes to Hollywood

Degrassi actor takes the reins on upcoming TV movie special

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

"It's more of a Degrassi fairy tale."
Director/actor Stefan Brogren

Silent Bob spoke and Snake got the job.

So says Degrassi High director/producer Stefan Brogren, who claims he was pegged to helm the latest Degrassi TV movie after a recommendation from director Kevin Smith of Jay and Silent Bob fame.

"We were talking to Kevin about making a guest appearance and he was asked who he might like to work with. And he said why not Brogren?" says Stefan, who is the midst of working on the new season of Degrassi.

"I guess the conversation had happened before. Still, it was a bit daunting."

Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood airs Sunday night on CTV.

But not surprising. For Brogren is old school Degrassi. Not only is he instantly recognizable as "Snake" Simpson from the original Degrassi High series (or "Mr. Simpson" as he's known on the current version), he now works behind the camera as episode director and producer.

Still, this movie of the week is a Degrassi with a difference. It's a two hour movie special, set in Hollywood, with an ambitious plot and plenty of music and celebrity guest stars (including Smith and Jason Mewes as themselves, Vivica A. Fox, and Perez Hilton). Think Degrassi 90210.

"It's definitely got a bigger scope and a different vibe. It's more a Degrassi fairy tale," says Brogren. "The trick was to go with the different vibe but somehow maintain what makes Degrassi so great."

In the story, the Degrassi kids head on a road trip to Hollywood in pursuit of fame and fortune. There they meet up with Degrassi grad Paige (Lauren Collins), who has just jumped from the role of lowly personal assistant to movie star.

"It's sort of a typical Paige story," says Collins, who spent six years on the show. "She wants to try something new and heads off to LA. But then she gets into trouble because she lies to everyone at Degrassi about what she's doing."

Collins, who now splits her time between Toronto and Montreal, says the TV movie has generated a lot of interest in the Canadian media —something that hasn't always been the case.

"I think the fact we stepped it up a bit with all the stars and the music and the setting. But in the U.S., we always get a lot of press."

Filmmaker Raimi inks TV deal with Sony

TV Filmmaker Sam Raimi, writer-director of Spider-Man and Evil Dead movies, is moving deeper into prime-time television.

Raimi and Joshua Donen's Stars Road Entertainment has inked a two-year deal with Sony Pictures TV and has hired CBS senior vice president of drama Robert Zotnowski to spearhead the company's TV efforts.

Zotnowski has been running the CBS drama department with Christina Davis since the ascent of Nina Tassler to entertainment president in 2004. Davis is expected to run the department solo after Zotnowski exits Friday.

Sam Raimi

Zotnowski said the goal for Stars Road is to expand its presence on broadcast TV and cable, with a primary focus on drama. Stars Road will develop material of all genres except horror, which will continue to be handled by Raimi's Ghost House Pictures.

As a TV producer with partner Robert Tapert, Raimi has made his mark in the action-adventure genre for first-run syndication with such hits as Xena: Princess Warrior and Hercules: The Legendary Journeys and most recently Legend of the Seeker, on which Donen also serves as an executive producer.

Raimi's prime-time efforts have been primarily in the horror genre (CBS' American Gothic and the CW's 13: Fear Is Real) and in action-adventure (ABC's Spy Game and Starz's upcoming Spartacus).

On the big screen, Raimi most recently wrote and directed the horror feature Drag Me to Hell. He has strong ties with Sony as the director of the studio's Spider-Man franchise. **REUTERS**

FRIDAY 8/28/09 primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
	251	308	3	CBC	Coronatn	Jeopardy!	Ron James-West Coast		Wild Roses (CC) (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Comedians	Comedians	20/20 (CC)		News
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Without a Trace (CC)		Defying Gravity "Bacon" (N)		CTV News
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Unit (CC)		Mental (CC)		NUMB3RS "Tabu" (CC)		News
	256	389	12	VI	The Road to Avonlea		Supernanny (CC)		Monk (CC)		Stargate Atlantis "Michael"		A News (N)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (CC) (DVS)		Ugly Betty "In the Stars"		Out There	Out There	The CityNews
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Beast" (CC)		Hates Chris	The Game	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	NFL Preseason Football		News	Entertainment	TBA	The Insider	KIRO 7 Family		KIRO News
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Southland "Two Gangs"		Dateline NBC (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	21	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Supernanny (CC)		Ugly Betty "In the Stars"		20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (CC)				News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
	502	390	25	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
	407	419	22	RSP	The Pen	MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Seattle Mariners.					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		SportsCentre
	552	543	25	YTV	A Cinderella Story ★★ (2004) Hilary Duff. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	Batman & Mr. Freeze: SubZero ★★ (1998)			Batman
	268	354	5	KNO	No Price Too High		Poirot (CC)		New Tricks "Spare Parts"		The Longest Road (CC)		
	575	583	20	CMT	And the Beat Goes On: The Sonny and Cher Story ★★ (1999)					Candid C.	And the Beat Goes On: Sonny & Cher		
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds "The Tribe"		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34	TLC	Making Over America		What Not to Wear "Teresa"		Making Over America		What Not to Wear "Kim S."		Reception
	616	522	35	SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Best Years		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) The Wedding Singer		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) Herbie: Fully Loaded ★★ (2005) Lindsay Lohan. (CC)				Romy
	603	561	52	FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	50	CEN	(6:00) Bottle Shock ★★		Vicky Cristina Barcelona ★★★ (2008) (CC)		(:45) Cassandra's Dream ★★ (2007) Ewan McGregor. (CC)				
	581	566	101	MTV	True Love	The X Effect	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	16 and Pregnant Adoption.		True Love	The X Effect	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 8/29/09 primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
	251	308	3	CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		Dragon's Den (CC)		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence (CC) (DVS)		News
	255	358	6	JOY	Out There	E News	Beat-Nation	Beat-Nation	Obituary (2006, Suspense) Josie Bissett. (CC)				News
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE Presents: Gridlock		Flightplan ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster. Premiere.				Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	252	336	11	GTV	Doc (CC)		Doc "The Way We Were"		Doc "Men in Tights" (CC)		Doc "Swing Shift" (CC)		News Final
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Touch of Pink ★★★ (2004) Jimi Mistry. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY "Trapped" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Wasted" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	NFL Preseason Football		KIRO News	The Insider	A New Smile, a New Life		Entertainment Tonight (N)		News
	287	379	16	NBC	NFL Preseason Football		Seahawks	Backroads	The Substitute ★★ (1996) Tom Berenger, Ernie Hudson.				KING 5 News
	288	380	21	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Flightplan ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster. Premiere.				Jimmy Kimmel's Big Night		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
	502	390	25	NW	Inside the Meltdown (CC)		Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Inside the Meltdown (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents (CC)		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Presents
	407	419	22	RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Seattle Mariners.					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)				World Extreme Cagefighting (CC)			Planet Speed	SportsCentre
	552	543	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life (CC)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Re-Animated (2006, Fantasy) Dominic Janes, Fred Willard.				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat "Taking Stock"		Midsomer Murders A woman is accused of killing a friend.				Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	The Newton Boys ★★ (1998) Matthew McConaughey, Skeet Ulrich.				
	615	520	31	A&E	My Cousin	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	My Cousin Vinny ★★★ (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei. (CC)				
	521	560	34	TLC	Moving Up (N) (CC)		Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		Moving Up (CC)		Police
	616	522	35	SHO	(6:00) Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde		Thrill of the Kill (2006) Shiri Appleby, Chris Potter. (CC)				Resident Evil: Apocalypse ★★ (2004) (CC)		
	294	650	47	TBS	The Santa Clause ★★★ (1994) (PA) Tim Allen. (CC)				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Jingle All the Way ★★ (1996) (PA) (CC)		
	603	561	52	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Scoop! (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		The Next Food Network Star		Nightmares
	320	621	50	CEN	Where Is Osama bin Laden		The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor ★★ (2008)				(9:55) Zack and Miri Make a Porno ★★		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY 8/30/09 primetime

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Dark Horse"		National Treasure ★★ (2004) (Part 1 of 2) Nicolas Cage.			(:10) National Treasure ★★		CBC News
	255	358	6	JOY	Tube Tales	Tube Tales	Extreme Makeover: Home		A Job to Kill For (2006, Suspense) Sean Young. (CC)				News
	250	321	9	CTV	Corner Gas	Big Bang Th	Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood (2009) Premiere.				(9:59) Cold Case (CC)		CTV News
	252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	Amer Dad	(:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Family Guy	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Family Guy	News Final
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Monk (CC)		Monk (CC)		Monk (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	TO Show	Less-Kind	Murdoch Mysteries		Departures (CC)		Crusoe (CC)		Role
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	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		(:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Neighborhood		(9:59) Cold Case (CC)		News
	287	379	16	NBC	NFL Preseason Football		Inside Edition	Primetime	Learning for Life		Dateline NBC (CC)		KING 5 News
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Shark Tank (N) (CC)		Defying Gravity "Bacon" (N)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	'Til Death	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
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	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union		Union
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	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic		Inspector Morse "Absolute Conviction" (CC)				New Tricks "Spare Parts"		Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Emerson Drive		Chesney	Dierks	Bon Jovi Unplugged on CMT			Keith Urban: Invitation Only	
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Machismo"		Criminal
	521	560	34	TLC	Dancing Tweens (N) (CC)		Multitude of Multiples (CC)		Your Kid Ate What? (CC)		Dancing Tweens (CC)		Stories of ER
	616	522	35	SHO	The Guard (CC)		Temptation ★ (2003) Annette O'Toole, Lyn Vaus. (CC)				Rescue Me "Zippo" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:35) Men in Black II ★★		(:10) Men in Black ★★★ (1997) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones.				(:10) Galaxy Quest ★★★ (1999) Tim Allen.		
	603	561	52	FN	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	320	621	50	CEN	(6:30) Awake ★ (2007) (CC)		The Express ★★ (2008) Dennis Quaid. Premiere.				Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix		
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THE PIN: Someone left it behind at a bar. Finders keepers!

THE BLAZER: Something I picked up at Value Village for a fake prom party. The sleeves are too short, but I just roll them up.

THE JEANS: These jeans are the perfect cut. I have them in 3 washes.

MATT, Calgary

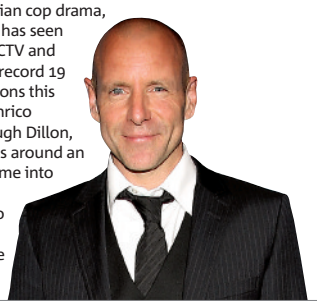
MATT'S LOOK: Downtown dapper. Matt puts his own spin on preppy by recycling old clothes to create fresh looks. He's a fashion environmentalist, although he's more into clean lines and classic colours than hemp. He's killer smooth, and he admits to flirting with store staff so they'll knock the price down. Well done Matt. If you've got it, flaunt it for discounts.

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Flashpoint

TV Look at what American success can do. The Canadian cop drama, which has seen good ratings on CTV and CBS, picked up a record 19 Gemini nominations this week. Starring Enrico Colantoni and Hugh Dillon, the show revolves around an elite unit who come into play when crime situations get too hot to handle for the regular police force.



2 Humbug: Arctic Monkeys

ALBUM The Fluorescent Adolescents who became a sensation when their debut record became the fastest selling British album of all time are now brooding 20-somethings, and their third outing reflects that growing cynicism. Thankfully, singer Alex Turner's a genuine rock poet, recording all kinds of human nuances in their songs, as evident from standout tracks Crying Lightning and Cornerstone.

3 Taking Woodstock

FILM Brokeback Mountain director Ang Lee returns to his comic roots with this light-hearted take on the counter-culture phenomenon, which incidentally turned 40 this year. The music takes a backseat as the film focuses on the quaint people who played host to the world's greatest three-day party.

4 State of Play

DVD Starring Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams as hard-boiled reporters, the film remake of the acclaimed British TV series makes a strong case against dwindling newsrooms. The lead pair tries to piece together the puzzle behind a woman's apparent suicide and opens up a whole new can of political worms. As taut as a thriller gets.

5 Snow Leopard

SOFTWARE Watch out Windows 7, the cat's on the prowl. The latest version of the Mac operating system ships out today and techies are getting ready for a showdown with Microsoft's upcoming follow-up to Vista. This time, Apple has its work cut out though as there has been a lot of positive press about Windows 7 in the last few months.

6 Jiminy Glick meets Ronald McDonald

VIDEO What happens when a demented Ronald McDonald sits down with one of television's strangest interviewers? The viewers of Will Ferrell's FunnyorDie.com site are finding out, thanks to a bizarre PETA video featuring Martin Short as his Jiminy Glick character grilling a "fried" Ronald McDonald (Andy Dick) about the fast food company's slaughter practices.

7 Oshawa

CITY This week, the little town outside Toronto got plenty of love – sealed with a Kiss. Front man Gene Simmons confirmed that his band will visit Oshawa after all for a fall show.

Mix of Six

The Beach Boys

When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Red Robinson Show Theatre

The best-selling band in American music history brings its surf rock sounds to Vancouver. The iconic '60s outfit from Southern California recorded hits like I Get Around and Surfin' USA. Tix: $69.50 to $84.50. Info: blvdcasino.com.

Critical Mass

When: Friday, 6 p.m.
Where: Vancouver Art Gallery

The controversial grassroots reclamation of public space — a bike ride and skate — is held on the last Friday of every month. Thousands participated in July's ride. Info: bikesexual.org/cm.

Summerbreak Music Festival

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Squamish Valley

There'll be plenty of room to camp and a great lineup that includes DJ Craze and DJ Deekline awaits festival goers in the Squamish Valley. Tix: $120. Location, camping rules at summerbreakmusicfestival.com.

AC/DC

When: Saturday
Where: B.C. Place

The Rockers who recorded the best-selling album of 2008 — and first in eight years — return to Vancouver as part of their Black Ice World Tour. Tix: ticketmaster.

Deep Cove Daze

When: Sunday
Where: Deep Cove, North Vancouver

Annual family festival at the scenic location on the water's edge includes midway rides, face painters, kids entertainers, beer gardens and more. Admission by donation. Info: musart.ca.

The Fair at the PNE

When: Until Labour Day
Where: Pacific National Exhition

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Kelly reveals teen drug addiction

Kelly Osbourne became addicted to Vicodin when she was 17, taking up to 50 tablets a day, she revealed in her new book Fierce. She says she took them to cope with her newfound fame during filming of MTV's The Osbournes. **POPEATER.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Celebrity tweets

Demi Lovato looks for a truly devoted follower, LL Cool J dishes out life advice, Spencer Pratt tries for some uncharacteristic depth, and Tyra Banks decides to use unrequited love to her advantage.

• @ddlovato I want to tattoo a fan one day... Any takers?

• @llcoolj Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

• @spencerpratt I always need to remember you cannot serve God and money

• @tyrabanks thought about what to do about BOW WOW's crush n decided 2 have him on my talk show on September 7th. what u think he's gonna do or say?

METRO WORLD NEWS

Delaying Jackson burial could cost

EXTRA FEE The Jackson family's decision to move Michael Jackson's burial from a Saturday to a Thursday is going to cost them, TMZ claims.

According to the Glendale police, the cost for a weekend service would have run about $50,000 US, but moving to a weekday event will "at least triple the price," a source said.

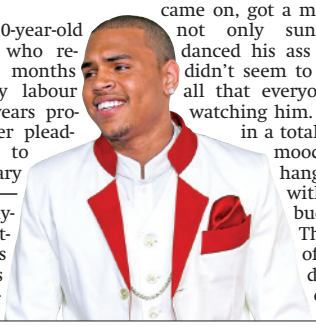
For fans wanting to attend on Sept. 3: "Don't even try and come, because you won't even be able to see the green of the Forest Lawn," warned Sgt. Tom Lorenz.

GETTY IMAGES

METRO WORLD NEWS

Chris 'thrills' nightclubbers

IMPROMPTU Chris Brown reportedly amazed onlookers on the dance floor with a Michael Jackson rendition, hours after he was sentenced for assaulting Rihanna, femalefirst.co.uk reports.



The 20-year-old singer — who received six months community labour and five years probation after pleading guilty to the February attack — was at Hollywood nightclub Guys and Dolls on Tuesday evening, where he allegedly gave an energetic rendition of Michael's hit Dirty Diana.

An onlooker said: "He stood up on the back of the booth when the song came on, got a mike and not only sung, but danced his ass off. He didn't seem to care at all that everyone was watching him. He was in a totally good mood, just hanging out with his buddies. Then all of a sudden he decided to put on a little show."

For his 1,400 hours community labour, Brown will have to remove graffiti and wash cars. He was also ordered to go to domestic violence classes for a year and is not allowed to contact Rihanna for five years. Brown has to pay fines and will have to undergo random searches and seizures.

Meanwhile, Brown has reportedly recorded a no-holds-barred interview with talk show host Larry King, in which he is quizzed about the assault. The interview is set to air next week.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gerard accused of striking dog

CRAZY DOG OWNERS Gerard Butler has been accused of assaulting a dog, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Retired banker Fred Varecka claims the star lashed out at his greyhound Mayfly on a street in Queens, N.Y., on Monday afternoon.

Varecka was walking two dogs when Butler's unleashed pug dog ran over to them. He says Butler quickly followed, striking one of Varecka's larger dogs for no reason.

Varecka said: "My dog crashed into a fence before yelping in pain. I asked him, 'What did you hit my dog for?' But he just kept ranting and raving that our dog should be put down — it was unbelievable because the dogs never came into contact at any time."

But a friend of the actor claims the greyhounds attacked his pooch.

The source said: "Gerry had to physically get in the middle of the two of them to protect the little dog. As far as I know, they are exaggerating. Gerry is an animal lover and simply separated the dogs.

"He would never hurt another animal."

Butler's representative backed up this version of events, saying: "A larger greyhound repeatedly attacked Gerard's small pug, so he separated them to protect both dogs."

Varecka has filed a harassment complaint with the New York Police Department, claiming Butler "cursed him out."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Anne's no fan of her ex-husband

UGLY DIVORCE What does Anne Heche think of her ex-husband, Coley Laffoon?

"Can you say 'lazy ass' on TV?" the actress, 40, said on Wednesday's Late Show With David Letterman. Heche and Laffoon — who have a seven-year-old son, Homer — divorced in 2007 after five years of marriage, usmagazine.com reports.

Last June, she agreed to pay him a $275,000 US lump sum and $3,700 per month in child support for their son.

Asked by Letterman what Laffoon does for a living, she sniped: "He goes out to the mailbox and he opens up the little mailbox door and goes, 'Oh! I got a cheque from Anne! Oh! I got a check from Anne! Yay!'"

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Madonna defends Gypsies

UNPOPULAR SENTIMENT Thousands of Romanian concertgoers voiced their displeasure with Madonna on Wednesday, after the singer paused her show to speak out against the persecution of Gypsies in that corner of the world, popeater.com reports.

"It's been brought to my attention that there's a lot of discrimination against Romani and Gypsies in general in Eastern Europe, and that makes me very sad," she told the crowd of 60,000 in Bucharest. As she spoke, a vocal minority began booing her words. She reportedly did not acknowledge the jeers.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lindsay knows burglars?

SUSPICION New evidence has surfaced in the Lindsay Lohan burglary case. Police have released the surveillance tape, and detectives believe the trio entered through an unlocked door and took personal items belonging to the actress, popeater.com reports.

LAPD describe the suspects as being between the ages of 18-25 — one white male and two white females. And it seems like Lohan may know the suspects.

Lohan tweeted yesterday saying, "That's how i know it was not a ROBBERY. electronics weren't taken ... just things that a certain old friend knew meant a lot to me."

According to TMZ, police are looking at the possibility that the burglars who hit Lohan are the same people who broke into Audrina Patridge's Los Angeles pad earlier this year.

A law enforcement officer said Lohan was shown a picture of the man who broke into her place and said he "looked familiar."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Avril and Deryck divorcing?

SHORT-LIVED Looks like Avril Lavigne and Deryck Whibley may be in trouble. The Canadian musicians, who married in 2006, are allegedly headed for a divorce, sources tell Gatecrasher.

Lavigne was spotted in the Hamptons recently without Whibley.

"She wanted to get away from Deryck and have a weekend to herself," a source said. She reportedly spent the weekend partying with male admirers. Lavigne and Whibley haven't been photographed together since December.

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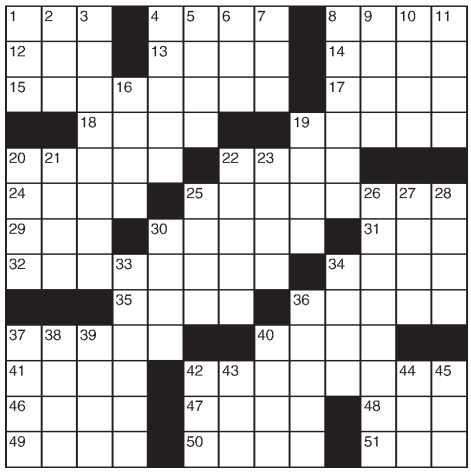

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43 Varnish ingredient
44 Zodiac feline
45 Trail the pack

Sudoku

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Surf 'n' Turf Tenderloin

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil, divided
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, divided
1/4 cup (50 ml) beef broth
16 uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh parsley
4 beef tenderloin steaks

METHOD:

1. In small skillet, sauté onion and garlic in 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter until tender. Add broth; cook and stir 1 minute. Add shrimp; cook and stir until shrimp turn pink, 3-5 minutes. Add parsley.
2. Meanwhile, make horizontal cut three-fourths of way through each steak. Place three shrimp in each pocket. Cover remaining shrimp and sauce for garnish; set aside and keep warm.
3. In large skillet, heat remaining oil and butter over medium-high heat. Add steaks; cook until meat reaches desired doneness (10-13 minutes for medium), turning once. Top with remaining shrimp and sauce.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll be in love with anyone and everyone — well, almost. But don't let people seeking to take advantage of your generous nature succeed.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If there is something that needs to be said at home or at work, speak up. You'll get your message across without starting an unnecessary feud.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There's no point trying to force yourself to work. Give yourself the day off and have a long, enjoyable weekend. You'll return to work raring to go next week.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be tempted to accept less than you are entitled to in a professional or financial capacity, but hold out and the other side will give in.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will be at peace with the world — or at least your personal domain. Life is good and getting better by the minute, and so it should.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get encouraging news about your financial situation and that will take away worries lurking at the back of your brain. Have a fun weekend too.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You have always been generous and today you won't be able to say no to anyone who needs assistance. But make sure you get a little something in return.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you're smart you'll tell someone something they need to hear in a way that doesn't damage their already fragile ego. Honesty does not have to hurt.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll get the chance today to escape the daily grind. Enjoying the company of people who share your social and spiritual values will revitalize you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Remind yourself what a truly privileged individual you are. You've got problems but you've also got more than most people get in a lifetime. Appreciate it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone you are close to could do with a kind word or a cuddle today and you won't need to be asked twice. Who says Aquarius doesn't do emotion?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Work? What's that? You have finished for the week and you intend to kick back and relax. That's good. You need time out to repair your body and mind.

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2. "Dilbert" drawer Adams' crocks (1)
3. "Set to go, President Roosevelt?" (2)
4. Bonnie's bank-robbing partner wept (1)
5. 2008 World Series champs' Easter flowers (2)
6. Wealthier needle-using garment maker (2)
7. Political rival's advocates (3)

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